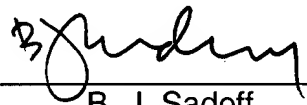


REMARKS

The specification has been amended to include a cross-reference to the parent applications, pursuant to Rule 78(a)(5). As the present application is a U.S. national phase of a PCT application with an international application prior to November 29, 2000, and as the Patent Office has previously acknowledged the applicants' claim to the earlier-filed priority application Serial No. 60/114,758, (see, for example, Filing Receipt dated January 31, 2002), the present Amendment is submitted to be timely. The Office is requested to advise the undersigned in the event anything further is required in this regard.

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